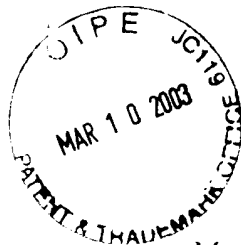


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for **UNBIASED SAMPLE INJECTION FOR MICROFLUIDIC APPLICATIONS**
Your Reference: ACBI.073.00US
Our Reference: 50225-8073.US00;
U.S. Patent Application No. 09/660,727
for **SURFACE TENSION LOADING INERTIAL RELEASE DROPLET DEVICE
AND METHOD**
Your Ref. ACBI.047.01
Our Ref. 50225-8047.US00;
U.S. Patent Application No. 09/521,254
for **IMPROVED MICROFLUIDIC OPERATION**
Your Ref. ACBI.036.00
Our Ref. 50225-8036.US00; and
U.S. Patent Application No. 08/945,309
for **CAPILLARY ELECTROPHORESIS APPARATUS AND METHOD**
Your Ref. ACBI.053.01
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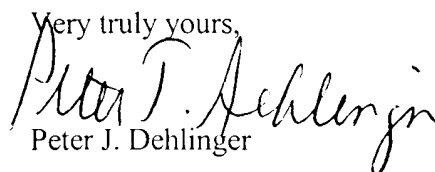
Dear Sir or Madam:

Pursuant to the emails dated February 10, 2003 from S. Macevicz, we have closed our records for the above-referenced cases, filed a request for withdrawal as attorney in each, and enclose herewith the files for all, including any provisional patent application file related to same.

By signing and returning the enclosed copy of this letter, you agree to assume responsibility for the above-referenced patent applications. For your convenience, we have provided a self-addressed stamped envelope for return of the signed letter.

If you have any questions, please give me a call.

Very truly yours,


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Dear Peter,

ALCARA has decided not to pursue the above-referenced application any further. Could you please remove it from your docket and ship the file back to us at ACLARA.

Please do not hesitate to email or call me if you have any questions.

Best regards,

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